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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs and Madams:

I believe the Microsoft settlement is a nothing more than a license for Microsoft to continue its monopolistic practices to the detriment of genuine competition and consumer choice. The language of the settlement is so vague and ambiguous that MS will have little trouble evading enforcement of its own "alleged" breaches.

Particularly troubling is MS's offer to resolve by donating millions of dollars in software to educational institutions, by which action it would erode one of the few markets in which Apple still has a significant, but dwindling, market share. In addition to immediately pushing Apple further into the background, MS would own the next generation of users who, as a result of MS's enticements, will have sucked at the teat of MS during their early years.

I cannot protest too loudly that MS's monopolistic practices must be reined in. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,
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